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SUBJECT: OMEGA ARGENTINA TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 3623
(B) BUENOS AIRES 7338, SEPT 77

1. NAVY OMEGA PROJECT MANAGER INTENDS TO VISIT ARGENTINA
WEEK OF 5 JUNE. (CLEARANCE FOR VISIT CONTAINED IN REFTTEL
A.) HE WILL PRESENT TECHNICAL AGREEMENT COVERING DETAILS
OF CONTINUED OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF OMEGA
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NAVIGATION STATION IN GOLFO NUEVO TO ARGENTINE NAVY.
AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT BASIC BILATERAL
AGREEMENT OF DEC. 4, 1970 (TIAS 7022) AND WILL BE SIGNED
BY COMMANDER, NAVY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS COMMAND FOR USG.

2. AS EXPRESSED IN REF B, EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF
NEGOTIATING ISSUES AND BACKGROUND ON TECHNICAL AGREEMENT

IS CORRECT. FINAL VERSION OF TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS RETAINS GOA RESPONSIBILITY FOR BASIC OPERATING EXPENSES AS STIPULATED IN BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND CONTAINS ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON SPARE PARTS, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. PERTINENT SECTIONS REFLECTING NEGOTIATED CHANGES IN USG SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SPARES -- THE USG PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE TO THE ARGENTINE NAVAL GENERAL COMMAND (SIHN) THE INITIAL STOCK OF SPARE PARTS FOR THE STATION'S ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE ELECTRONICS REPAIR PARTS ALLOTMENT LIST (ERPAL) AND THE AUTHORIZED PARTS LIST (APL) WHEN THE STATION WAS CONSTRUCTED. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS INITIAL STOCK, THE USG WILL FURNISH SIHN, FREE OF CHARGE, ANY SPARE PART THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE U.S. FURNISHED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, TUNING AND ANTENNA SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY GENERATOR, WHETHER THESE SPARE PARTS ARE INCLUDED OR NOT IN THE ERPAL OR THE APL FOR THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT. FYI: THE REQUIRED PARTS, ESTIMATED TO COST NO MORE THAN 15-20 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR, WILL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TO WHICH THE USG RETAINS PERMANENT TITLE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT OF DEC. 4, 1970. THE PARTS, PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO SIHN AS OPERATOR OF THE STATION, WILL REMAIN USG PROPERTY. END FYI.

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(B) TRAINING -- IF REQUESTED AND PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 4, 1970. THE OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM OPERATIONS DETAIL (ONSOD) SHALL ARRANGE FOR TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES OR ARGENTINA AS APPROPRIATE. FYI: TRAINING IN THE U.S. WILL CONSIST PRIMARILY OF ANNUAL REFRESHER COURSES FOR ONE OR TWO SELECTED STATION TECHNICIANS. USG WILL PAY FOR TRAINING USING OMEGA OPERATING FUNDS, BUT WILL NOT PAY FOR TRAVEL OR PER DIEM. COST PER STUDENT ESTIMATED AT 800 DOLLARS. CLASSES WILL NORMALLY INCLUDE TECHNICIANS FROM OTHER U.S. AND FOREIGN OMEGA STATIONS AND WILL BE LIMITED SOLELY TO PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF U.S. FURNISHED EQUIPMENT.

(C) TECHNICAL SUPPORT -- TO FURNISH, AT NO CHARGE TO SIHN, ALL APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AS RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE U.S. FURNISHED EQUIPMENT.

3. ABOVE CLAUSES ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN OTHER OMEGA TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS AND ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE GOLFO NUEVO STATION WHILE ENSURING

PROPER AND RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS IMPORTANT TO BOTH NAVY
AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. BASED ON SEPARATE
SIHN LETTER TO OMEGA PROJECT MANAGER, TECHNICAL AGREEMENT
IS APPARENTLY ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINE NAVY. PROJECT
MANAGER WILL REVIEW AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY DURING FORTH
COMING VISIT. CHRISTOPHER

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